

a and b , the methanol oxidase promoter of *Pichia pastoris*.

2. (amended) A DNA molecule according to claim 1 wherein the signal peptide has an amino acid sequence which is identical to the amino acid sequence shown as amino acids -20 to -1 of SEQ ID NO: 2 in the Sequence Listing.

3. (amended) A DNA molecule according to claim 1 wherein the signal peptide comprises a *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* invertase signal peptide.

4. (amended) A DNA molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 3 encoding a polypeptide with human BSSL activity in which at least one of the repeat units of 11 amino acids, said repeat units being indicated in SEQ ID NO: 1, is deleted.

5. (amended) A DNA molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 3 coding for a polypeptide which has BSSL activity and has an amino acid sequence which is at least 95% homologous with the sequence according to SEQ ID NO: 3 or SEQ ID NO: 4.

6. (amended) A DNA molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 3 coding for a polypeptide which has the amino acid sequence according to SEQ ID NO: 3 or SEQ ID NO: 4.

